ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Internet-based facsimile prints an image shown by the image data attached to the e-mail when e-mail addressed to itself arrives. However, the Internet-based facsimile requests the format converter to convert the format of the image data if the image data is of the file format which the Internet-based facsimile is unable to process. The format converter converts the format of the image data to the predetermined format in response to the request from the Internet-based facsimile and returns it to the Internet-based facsimile that originally requested the conversion. The Internet-based facsimile prints the image shown by the image data returned from the format converter.